

The following statement is a nice way of saying "Quit screwing around with the small business element of our communications network in favor of the behemoth LECs in this country."

The LECs operate an "essential facility", and should have to accommodate other ISP firms that wish to purchase access from them. This wholesale provisioning stimulates competition and benefits consumers. Chairman Powell: Please do not sell out to BIG BUSINESS, at the expense of competition and the small businesses of our country.